

## Michigan Department of Community Health -- Task Force on Nursing Education Executive Summary of Final Report

**Recommendations** -- The MDCH-Task Force on Nursing Education (TFNE) developed seven Nursing Education Position Papers that include recommendations to the Director of MDCH and others. The recommendations are:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended that MDCH require national accreditation for all nursing education programs preparing students for the required licensure examinations. A phase-in period is recommended for the national accreditation requirement.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that quality and safety in patient care are given high priority in all nursing education programs.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that a system of nurse residency (transition-to-practice) programs be required in Michigan for all newly licensed graduates of nursing education programs.</li> <li>4. It is recommended that MDCH take action to: a) increase the number of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) educated in the state; and b) maximize the efficient utilization of education resources by improving the regulation of APRNs so that they may practice to the full extent of their education.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. It is recommended that the Michigan Nursing Education Finance Commission be convened to develop funding models and financing systems for all levels of nursing education in Michigan.</li> <li>6. It is recommended that the Director of MDCH assign to the Office of the Chief Nurse Executive the responsibility for creating and maintaining the Michigan Nursing Education Council (MNEC), an overarching leadership group with staff resources to support implementation of the TFNE recommendations and nursing education initiatives in Michigan.</li> <li>7. It is recommended that the Director of MDCH take action to revise the Michigan Board of Nursing Administrative Rules to reflect the recommendations of the Task Force on Nursing Education.</li> </ol> |
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**Background** -- Michigan's strategic plan for dealing with the nursing shortage, *The Nursing Agenda for Michigan*, includes action steps to strengthen the nursing profession and workforce through changes in nursing education and credentials, enhanced standards of practice, and appropriate regulation.

**Charge** -- The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) convened and charged the Task Force on Nursing Education (TFNE) to make recommendations to the Director of MDCH for changes in statutes, rules, and policies to improve the education of nurses and the practice of nursing in Michigan, thereby protecting the health and safety of Michigan residents.

**Process** -- The TFNE was composed of nursing education administrators, nursing faculty, nurse executives, and representatives of the Michigan Board of Nursing and professional nursing organizations. The TFNE held fourteen five-hour meetings from September 2008 through June 2009; attendance at meetings averaged over 80%. The TFNE gathered information, consulted with state and national experts in nursing education and policy, and considered issues identified by the nursing community, healthcare stakeholders, and the 2008 MDCH Task Force on Nursing Regulation. Seven nursing education position papers were developed, one for each of the seven recommendations. The TFNE Final Report is available at the websites listed below.

### Stakeholder Council Advised the TFNE

The TFNE convened a group of healthcare stakeholders with interests in nursing education to advise the task force, consider nursing education from their various viewpoints, and assist the task force in disseminating and implementing the recommendations. The Stakeholder Council met from March to June 2009, and provided input on the nursing education issues taken up by the TFNE and counsel concerning the implementation of TFNE recommendations.

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After August 21, 2009, the TFNE Final Report may be found at [www.michigan.gov/mdch/ocne](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/ocne), [www.michigancenterfornursing.org](http://www.michigancenterfornursing.org), and [www.micomun.org](http://www.micomun.org).

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